



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Discretionary Grant Program

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of Class Deviation from Competition Requirements for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's (MCHB) Family-to-Family Health Information Centers (F2F HIC) Program (H84).

SUMMARY: HRSA will be issuing non-competitive awards under the F2F HIC program. Approximately \$5 million will be made available in the form of a grant to current grantees (see below) covering the period of 6/1/2014 – 5/31/2015. This will provide for an extension of the program, as provided for in Section 1203 of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-67) and Section 207 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-93) with the least disruption to the states, communities, and constituencies that currently receive assistance and services from these grantees.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Intended Recipients of the Awards: The 51 incumbent grantees of record (listed below).

Amount of the Non-Competitive Awards: Up to \$95,700 per grantee.

CFDA Number: 93.504.

Period of Supplemental Funding: 6/1/2014 – 5/31/2015.

Authority: Section 501(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, as amended.

JUSTIFICATION: The F2F HIC program provides grants to family-run/staffed organizations to ensure families of children with special health care needs have access to adequate information about health and community resources to facilitate informed and shared decision-making around their children's health care. F2F HICs were originally authorized under the Budget Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-171). Congress specified that there be a family-run/staffed center in each state and the District of Columbia that, among other tasks, assists families of children with special health care needs to make informed choices about health care in order to promote good treatment decisions, cost effectiveness, and improved health outcomes; and provides information and educational opportunities for families, their health professionals, schools, and other appropriate entities. The earlier law was later amended by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148), which made funding available until fiscal year (FY) 2012. Section 624 of the American Taxpayers Relief Act of 2013 (P.L. 112-240) extended the F2F HICs through fiscal year (FY) 2013 with the F2F HIC program scheduled to end on May 31, 2014. As the F2F HIC project period quickly approached and continued funding was not provided in the President's Budget of FY 2014, the MCHB prepared for closeout of the program.

On December 26, 2013, Section 1203 of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 (SGR Reform Act) (P.L. 113-67) extended the F2F HICs with \$2.5 million for a portion of FY 2014.

Additionally, on April 1, 2014, Section 207 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (Access to Medicare) (P.L. 113-93) extended this program with \$2.5 million for the remainder of FY 2014 and \$2.5 million for a portion of FY 2015.

Under typical circumstances, the project period for the grantees would end on May 31, 2014, and a robust competitive process would take place. However, taking into account the timing of congressional action on SGR Reform within the current fiscal year, MCHB would not have sufficient time to conduct a robust competition and appropriately enact the legislation. MCHB proposes to extend the project periods of these grants by 12 months to properly respond to direction of the F2F HIC program's extension, enacted in the SGR Reform Act and the Access to Medicare Act. This will provide sufficient fiscal resources to continue programmatic activities as outlined in program authorization with the least disruption to the states, communities, and MCHB constituencies that currently receive assistance and services from these grantees. Delaying the competition until FY 2015 ensures continuity of funding for all eligible entities, with no eligible entity being adversely impacted by the extension.

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Maternal and Child Health Bureau Selected Grant Programs

Extensions with Funding

Grantee/Organization Name	Grant Number	State	FY 2014 authorized funding level	Revised project end date
Stone Soup Group	H84MC12893	AK	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Voices of Alabama Inc.	H84MC12901	AL	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Arkansas Disability Coalition	H84MC12900	AR	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Raising Special Kids	H84MC07942	AZ	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Support for Families of Children w/ Disabilities	H84MC07943	CA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	H84MC15142	CO	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
PATH Parent to Parent/Family Voices of CT	H84MC21663	CT	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.	H84MC21661	DC	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Delaware Family Voices, Inc.	H84MC21662	DE	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc.	H84MC21660	FL	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Parent to Parent of Georgia, Inc.	H84MC07947	GA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Hawaii Pediatric Association Research & Education Foundation	H84MC07999	HI	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
ASK Resource Center	H84MC24065	IA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Idaho Parents Unlimited Inc.	H84MC12896	ID	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
The Arc of Illinois	H84MC06873	IL	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Voices Indiana	H84MC21659	IN	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Families Together, Inc.	H84MC09487	KS	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Commission for CSHCN	H84MC12897	KY	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015

Bayou Land Families Helping Families	H84MC08043	LA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Federation for Children with Special Needs	H84MC08005	MA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
The Parent's Place of Maryland	H84MC07946	MD	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Maine Parent Federation	H84MC00003	ME	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Michigan Public Health Institute	H84MC26214	MI	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
PACER Center, Inc.	H84MC00005	MN	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Curators, University of Missouri	H84MC09484	MO	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
University of Southern Mississippi	H84MC07948	MS	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Parent's Let's Unite for Kids	H84MC09367	MT	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Exceptional Children's Assistance Center	H84MC08000	NC	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Voices of North Dakota, Inc	H84MC07992	ND	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
PTI Nebraska	H84MC08009	NE	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
NH Coalition for Citizens w/Disabilities	H84MC09488	NH	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of NJ	H84MC07997	NJ	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Parents Reaching Out to Help	H84MC08007	NM	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family TIES of Nevada, Inc.	H84MC08001	NV	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Parent to Parent of NYS	H84MC08006	NY	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Voices of Ohio	H84MC12903	OH	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
The Oklahoma Family Network, Inc.	H84MC09368	OK	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Oregon Health and Science University	H84MC21658	OR	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Parent Education & Advocacy Leadership Center	H84MC07998	PA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Rhode Island Parent Information Network, Inc.	H84MC08002	RI	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Connection of South Carolina, Inc.	H84MC12895	SC	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015

South Dakota Parent Connection, Inc.	H84MC07994	SD	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Tennessee Disability Coalition	H84MC00004	TN	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Texas Parent to Parent	H84MC07993	TX	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Utah Parent Center	H84MC07996	UT	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Virginia Commonwealth University	H84MC09486	VA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Vermont Family Network	H84MC21657	VT	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Washington PAVE	H84MC09369	WA	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
Family Voices of Wisconsin, Inc.	H84MC21690	WI	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
West Virginia Parent Training and Information, Inc.	H84MC12898	WV	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015
University of Wyoming	H84MC24069	WY	\$ 95,700	31-May-2015

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